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THE PLANNER

CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

"Wildcat Watch" will feature the K-State Proud campaign kick-off this week. See www.k-state.tv for air times.

A rape survivor support group for students affected by sexual assault is forming through the K-State Women's Center. The first meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Holton 206. For more information, visit www.k-state.edu/womenscenter or call 785-532-6444.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Robyn Seglem at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Bluemont 368. The thesis topic is "It's Like Having a Library and You Don't Get to Go: Educators Negotiating Boundaries When Working With New Literacies."

The Disney College Program will give presentations on internships at 5 p.m. Wednesday and 12:30 p.m. Thursday in the K-State Student Union 213.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Sherry Miller at 9 a.m. Thursday in Chalmers 036. The thesis topic is "RNA Interference in the Red Flour Beetle Tribolium Castaneum."

Applications for Mortar Board National Senior Honor Society are now available online at www.k-state.edu/mortarboard. Juniors and seniors with 75 or more credit hours and a 3.0 GPA are encouraged to apply. Applications are due by noon Feb. 20.

Career and Employment Services is sponsoring a spring Dining Etiquette program at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 26 in the Derby Dining Center's Gold Room. Students will learn the finer points of dining while interviewing. Professional business attire is required. The cost is \$7.50 per person (or \$5.00 for students with a KSU meal plan). Reservations must be made by Feb. 20 through CES by calling 785-532-6506 or stopping by 100 Holtz Hall.

The Student Homecoming Committee is seeking applicants. Pick up an application at the Alumni Center or complete one online at www.k-state.com/homecoming. Applications are due Feb. 25 at 5 p.m.

Recreational Services is offering an eight-session nutrition class for K-State students and faculty members interested in learning more about making better food choices. The class will meet from 12:15-12:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning March 3. The \$25 registration fee includes all eight sessions. Sign up by Feb. 27 in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. For more information, contact Melissa Haug at 785-532-6980.

A \$500 scholarship for the fall semester for non-traditional students is being offered by the League of Women Voters. The deadline is March 15. Check with the Office of Nontraditional Student Services in Holton 101 or www.ksu.edu/adult/scholarships for more information.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of William Bryant at 10:30 a.m. March 25 in Ackert 324. The thesis topic is "Caspases and Caspase Regulators in Lepidoptera and Diptera."

The Planner is the Collegian's bulletin board service. To place an item in the Planner, stop by Kedzie 116 and fill out a form or e-mail news editor Ann Conrad at news@pub.ksu.edu by 11 a.m. two days before it is to run. Some items might not appear because of space constraints, but are guaranteed to appear on the day of the activity.

BEST BETS

Your social calendar for the weekend

Friday 13

After Hours: The Romance Tour

5-11 p.m.

K-State Student Union Courtyard

There will be free funny T-shirts, chocolate fondue, Valentine's treat bags, and massage and facial services. The first 50 people to attend will receive free roses. The Union Program Council is sponsoring this event.

Don't forget: "Intimate Apparel" will show at 7:30 p.m. in Nichols Theater, "Sandzens from the Sandzen" remains on display in the Hyle Family Gallery at the Beach Museum of Art, "outdoor/indoor/outdoor" will be on display in the Stolzer Family Foundation gallery located outside the Beach Museum, and the "Remainder" exhibit will be on display at the Strecker-Nelson Gallery on Poyntz Avenue.

Saturday 14

Men's basketball game against Kansas

2:30 p.m.

Bramlage Coliseum (broadcast on ABC)

The Wildcats' six-game winning streak matches the longest streak they've had in conference play since the inception of the Big 12 in 1996. During the last five victories, they are holding opponents to a 38.7-percent field-goal percentage while forcing opponents into nearly 16 turnovers per game during that stretch.

For lovers of the arts looking for Valentine's Day activities, "Intimate Apparel" will also show at 7:30 p.m. in Nichols Theater; the exhibits at Beach Museum will be open, as well as the "Remainder" exhibit in the Strecker-Nelson Gallery.

Sunday 15

Women's basketball game against Oklahoma State

1 p.m.

Bramlage Coliseum (broadcast on FSN Kansas City and 1350-KMAN)

The Wildcats are hosts to the Oklahoma State Cowgirls in the annual "Pink Zone" game, during which the team will wear pink jerseys to raise breast cancer awareness.

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Service teaches vital lessons



JARED BETTS

The thought of having a mandatory military service requirement for graduating high school students might sound absurd, especially with the economic and wartime strife our country is facing, but have you ever questioned why we don't have such a requirement? If a person is to work for wages, then he or she must pay income tax. Following that line of thought, shouldn't serving the country in the military be the price for freedom? As a former Marine, I speak from experience on this issue.

Mandatory military service is also known as conscription. Sometimes conscription becomes associated with the word 'draft,' but I avoid using that term because people associate it with the government plucking people from their homes to fight in the Vietnam War. This isn't what I am insisting on. I am insisting on re-

quiring male and female high school graduates to serve the country for a substantial amount of time in the military. This is to avoid a draft, but also to help in the development of patriotic, self-respecting, well-rounded and informed United States citizens.

There have been many instances in the history of our country when conscription was the status quo. When our forefathers settled in America many years ago, men who could walk and shoot a gun did so and helped protect our sovereignty. America has implemented conscription in almost every major war, but with the end of conscription in 1973 the government soon structured the Selective Service System to subsidize the general public's discontent with the Vietnam War.

The mission of the SSS claims to be "to serve the emergency manpower needs of the military by conscripting untrained manpower, or personnel with professional health care skills, if directed by Congress and the president in a national crisis."

The keyword in the mission is "untrained." Wouldn't it be effective to have trained people in place? People like recent high school graduates?

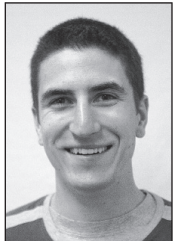
Many countries, large

and small, democratic or not, have required military commitments from their citizens. Austria, Denmark, Germany, Finland, Iran, China, Russia, Greece, Israel and South Korea are examples of conscription-based countries. It is also worth noting that Austria, Denmark, Germany and Finland are also closer to full democracies than the United States. This fact should put a dent in arguments that only authoritarian regimes use conscription. With so many of our allies and enemies implementing some form of mandatory military service, it only seems competitive to do the same to ensure we remain a military stronghold.

The experiences a person endures while providing service to his or her country are priceless, and many essential life traits are taught in the military. I do not want our country to be comprised of militaristic meat-heads; I just want everyone to fight for that piece of freedom. Freedom can't be gained by posting a ribbon sticker on your car's bumper. It must be fought for.

Jared Betts is a junior in English and pre-law. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

Conscription unnecessary



DREW MORRIS

Some people want to introduce conscription to the United States, mandating that everyone must serve a certain length of military service. This proposal is not economically feasible. It would cause a negative change in the way U.S. citizens view themselves and in their appearance to the world.

Generally when countries invoke compulsory military service, it must be served by the age of 25 and lasts 12 to 18 months. This limited amount of time might enable people the opportunity to re-insert themselves into civilian life more successfully, but it also allows for less training time, resulting in more deaths. To train these conscripts well enough to properly and effectively serve, a longer service might be required.

If we take the one-year age group of 18- to 19-year-olds, there are approximately 6 million people represented in the U.S., which

could show how many people would be in one year of service between the ages of 18 to 25. This would be roughly equal to the amount of people conscripted into duty under said rules, assuming some people were initially exempt to avoid too drastic an influx. With a little more than three million Americans already in some sort of military, reserve or paramilitary force in the U.S., this would triple the current military force.

With the aforementioned increase in numbers to military personnel come multiple consequences. While it might be economically possible to pay the salaries of all the new militants on a government tab, it certainly isn't anything that can be given top priority given our current economic situation. Housing, training, equipping and feeding the new conscripts would put an unnecessary financial burden on our government.

The impression we give other countries is important for international relations. If we were to start drastically increasing our military forces for no apparent reason, other countries, and undoubtedly the UN, would become very curious as to our intentions. The last thing one of the strongest military forces in the world needs to do is expand its force.

For many people, this time of their lives fosters

their continuing education and begins their introduction to adult life. If we instead remove these people from civilian life, even for a short amount of time, they will not make a smooth transition into regular life.

The personal motivation involved is perhaps more relevant than whether we should interrupt people's lives. Our armed forces is entirely voluntary, resulting in more highly motivated warriors. Eliminating choice results in people having to serve and fight who don't have any motivation to do so. This lowers morale, making the fighting force ineffective. History has already shown what happens when people get drafted to fight a war they don't believe in; we should try to learn from the past, not re-live it.

We are relatively safe in our everyday lives at the moment, so an increase in military force would only give the wrong impression to other military powers and make our own people question the government's motives. If our freedom is truly threatened, I have faith we'll gather a substantial enough force. Fighting for more oil doesn't count.

Drew Morris is a senior in English. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

BEST OF THE FOURUM

The Fourum is to the K-State campus what pizza is to almost all college students – daily sustenance we couldn't get by without. Unlike greasy pepperoni pizza, we won't cause your jeans to fit too tight. Here are the comments we thought were the best of the week.

"I guess that song 'Disturbia' really got to Chris Brown."

I wouldn't mess with someone who has thighs as powerful as Rihanna's.

"Calling all units: This is a code orange. I repeat: This is a code orange. We have a fake tan in progress. This is not a drill."

We'll need a wet napkin and some disinfectant, please.

"The guy that texted my girlfriend makes me so mad I think I'm going to write a nasty message on his Facebook wall."

Typing hard won't make you feel any better.

"My girlfriend has the hots for the CD Tradepost guy in my art class. That's too bad, because I don't think I could take him."

I'd like to see a showdown between CD Tradepost employees and Digital Shelf employees.

"Whoever the girls are with the pink laptops: You're obviously not engineers, so get out of our libraries."

The "boy" who called that in is quite sexist. Just saying.

"CRV girl: Let's meet Sunday, 3 p.m. at the artwork close to Seaton and Hale. It's a cement thing with a hole in it."

See you there. Love, Fourum.

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My roommate and I just followed around a tagless, brakelight-less car to watch him get pulled over. We found out he was our neighbor.

Some people prefer chicken, some people prefer beef. Morphy-morph says, "Why not both?"

People wearing green shirts to the game are real douches.

I believe the squirrels are forming their front line at Nichols.

Green team.

Green team?

La deporta verde.

It's coming on Saturday. Lucky No. 7 is coming on Saturday.



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Mini golf business plans expansion after being open just 1 year

By Jason Miller
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

After one year of business, Time Out Corner, located in the Plaza West Shopping Center, is already making plans for expansion. Time Out Corner offers its customers cosmic miniature golf and a large game room.

"It's really, really fun here," said Dawn Morales, Fort Riley resident and Time Out Corner customer. "I have been living here for three years, and there isn't much to do so it's cool to have something fun to go do. It's nice that people can bring kids and play with them on everything."

Looking forward, Mark Samarra, owner of Time Out Corner, intends to open a skating rink and a bowling alley in the space behind his business.

"Eventually we'll have the arcade, the miniature golf, skating and a bowling alley," said Samarra. "I have 43 acres here. I have waited

two years for the skating rink, but the bowling alley is at least three years out."

Samarra hopes to receive funds from private investors to speed construction of the rink.

"I'm working with some people now – one's a concrete person, one's a builder, one's an electrician and one [does heating, ventilating and air conditioning], so if we pull ourselves together, we can have it built," he said.

Time Out Corner is alcohol-free, and Samarra intends to remain that way once all the buildings are complete.

"The idea," Samarra said, "is to provide Manhattan with a family-friendly environment everyone can enjoy."

"We are trying to have one big child center now with the miniature golf and arcade, but soon we'll have skating and then the bowling alley and laser tag," said Heather Wright, Time Out Corner manager.

Time Out Corner's cosmic

putt-putt golf features black windows and lights.

To enhance the business' jungle theme, the ceiling is lined with various types of synthetic leaves, and the walls are painted with a special reflective paint designed with tall grass and trees.

"The skating rink will look just like the miniature golf – black lights and same theme. The theme is going to continue to grow with our expansion," Wright said.

In addition to mini golf, there are pool tables, an air hockey table and video games, as well as arcade classics like ski-ball and basketball with tickets that can be turned in for various prizes and toys. Time Out Corner offers token, miniature golf and family value packages.

"Right now we are offering a special for everybody that gets you a round of golf, \$5 in tokens and a drink," Samarra said. "You could spend anywhere up to two hours; where else can you go and spend two hours of fun for \$5?"



Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN
Time Out Corner, located in the Plaza West Shopping Center, offers cosmic miniature golf and a large game room. Possible plans for expansion include a skating rink and bowling alley.

The snack bar offers arcade staples like pop, hot dogs, popcorn and nachos, as well as pizza from Valentino's.

Time Out Corner also has a private room that can be used for parties and events and can hold about 40 people.

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Close to home



Dona Zanotti (left) poses with her daughter, **Danielle Zanotti**, senior guard/forward for the K-State women's basketball team, in Ahearn Field House during a Relay for Life event.

COURTESY PHOTO

Members of Wildcat squad support cancer research, awareness because of personal connections to disease

By Britton Drown
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Danielle Zanotti knows she cannot control what happens in life.

She has learned that lesson while growing up in a family that has a long history of skin cancer, and she understands that it could eventually be a battle of her own.

Her mother, Dona Zanotti, has been fighting skin cancer since college.

Furthermore, her grandfather lost the battle.

However, the opportunity on Sunday afternoon to connect the game she and her mother love with cancer awareness is just one of the many ways the Zanotti family is fighting back.

Many of Danielle's family members will be present in Bramlage on Sunday to watch Danielle and the Wildcats, as well as to support the fight against cancer in a way that is familiar to the family.

Basketball.

Sunday afternoon, the Wildcats will be wearing special pink jerseys as they participate in the Women's Basketball Coaching Association "Pink Zone" game. From Feb. 13-22, colleges and universities across the nation are participating in the "Pink Zone" effort to raise awareness of breast cancer and raise money for the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund.

The fund is named for legendary North Carolina State coach Kay Yow who recently lost her battle against breast cancer on Jan. 24.

While Danielle's mother was diagnosed with cancer in college, it didn't prevent her from playing the game at the collegiate level.

She made it a point to pass the love of the game to her daughter.

Dona served as Danielle's first basketball coach and followed her daughter as she developed into a premier player, lettering three years at Mustang High School in Yukon, Okla.

Their relationship centered around basketball, and their commitment to it paid off as Danielle is a starter for the No. 20 Wildcats.

"I think the fact that my mom has made so many sacrifices financially and time wise, driving to all of the tournaments across the country – taking off of work and doing it on her own – that is something that I will always look back on and be grateful for," Zanotti said. "It's just a testament to her dedication to me as a player and me as a daughter. It is something that I will always treasure and be thankful for."

Zanotti and her teammates have been active in the effort

to raise money for cancer research. Last season, Danielle remembers sitting in the Wildcat locker room discussing the topic of cancer and brainstorming ways the team could do its part to help.

They decided on participating in the Relay For Life event held at Ahearn Field House in the spring.

"I am so proud of the team," Zanotti said. "It takes work to raise money, and everybody rallied around it and was supportive. It is a great cause and a great opportunity to bond over something that is bigger than basketball – and bigger than us."

With the experience of volunteering through Relay For Life, Zanotti said her team has developed a bond that has helped give the team members an identity that exists beyond gameday.

"Our team, in my opinion, is unique in the fact that we are best friends on and off of the court," Zanotti said. "That is what makes us so special that helps our chemistry, and I think that our team realizes that basketball is a game that has given us blessings upon blessings."

Head coach Deb Patterson understands the effect of the disease and its relation to her program. She praises the women of the team on how they have done their part to bond and make a contribution to the cause.

"It is something we all recognize as a group, and we do talk about it as something that is very important to bring awareness to," Patterson said.

"I know our players are very proud to be wearing the pink in that regard."

The pink uniforms the Wildcats will wear Sunday afternoon have inspired the K-State athletics department to hold an auction following Sunday's game.

The department will auction off a replica pink jersey, as well as a replica pair of shorts. The auction will run from Feb. 16 to Feb. 27.

In addition to bidding on the pink jersey and shorts, the public can purchase "Pink Zone" basketball T-shirt shirts at the K-State Super Store or the Cats Closet for \$10.

"We are looking for our fans to contribute by virtue of the pink T-shirts and their attendance at our game," Patterson said.

While Zanotti said she understands she cannot control all aspects of her life, she knows what she is capable of and what it takes to battle back from something like cancer. For her entire life, her family has shown how.

"You can't control everything in life," Zanotti said. "Cancer is one of those things that by in large you have no control over, and if it hits, faith, love, friendships and family are the only thing that can get you through it."

Fans should participate in traditions



STEVE BERKLAND

The Kansas State men's basketball team is scheduled to play host to KU this Saturday. As is the case for most rivalries, the fans will play a huge role in the outcome of the game.

This week is "K-State Proud" week, which is where the student body donates money to establish opportunity awards for students. If students donate at least \$10, they will receive a K-State Proud shirt, and they are encouraged to wear it to Saturday's match-up against the Jayhawks. The K-State Proud foundation has themed this matchup between the two rivals "Blizzard in Bramlage," and there are several ways students can support the basketball team and help make a good environment for other fans.

They can do so by showing up early to the game Saturday, whether it is today or Saturday. Fans should, and when I say should, I mean it is a definite should, make as much noise as possible before, during and after the game. The basketball team is going to need the crowd more than ever if they are to succeed against the Jayhawks. One of the main reasons the Wildcats beat Kansas last year was because of how great the crowd was the entire game.

Fans can help make a better environment for other fans by following traditions. Fans at games now try to follow traditions, but just don't quite get it. You see, during the days of Lon Kruger, Mitch Richmond and Co., fans would start a slow clap until the Wildcats made their first basket. Going to games now, fans try to do that, but it always ends up sounding like everyone is just clapping all at once, so if you're going to try to do a slow clap, do it right.

Another tradition that can improve is the Wabash Cannonball. Most students do the Wabash, but you always see those who are just standing there talking or have their arms crossed. If the student section is going to help contribute to the overall atmosphere at games, please do the Wabash. Not only does the Wabash look cool, it's a K-State tradition, and everyone should participate.

The fight song is what makes K-State sporting events special. Most of the time when the band plays the fight songs, half of the fans are off beat. I don't know if it's not being able to hear the band or fans are singing too fast, but I know that we need to clean it up. It makes us look stupid as fans when we can't even carry a tune.

When traditions are done correctly and fans are making big noise, fans should also celebrate the victory like champions.

Only one time in the last 24 years has the Wildcats beat that other Kansas team at home, and that was last season. Fans celebrated that victory for days, and fans should do the same after the Cats beat the Jayhawks this weekend. If you see someone wearing a K-State shirt, don't be afraid to buy them a drink, because victories like the one that's going to occur tomorrow should be special for everyone involved.

Everyone should pack Bramlage with white K-State Proud shirts, make plenty of noise, carry out all traditions properly and – overall – just have fun and celebrate the victory.

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Cats look to bounce back against OSU in 'Pink Zone'

By Britton Drown
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Pink jerseys will fill the court in Bramlage Coliseum on Sunday afternoon as the Wildcats play host to the Oklahoma State Cowgirls in the annual "Pink Zone" game.

As they wear pink uniforms designed by Nike, the K-State women's basketball team is joining a national effort to raise breast cancer awareness.

The Wildcats (19-3, 6-3 Big 12 Conference) will look to bounce back after suffering only their third loss of the season at the hand of the then-No. 8 Lady Bears.

"I think we played a really high-quality game against Baylor aside from the turnover issues," said head coach Deb Patterson.

Following the loss to Baylor, Patterson's team has had a week off and time to prepare for Oklahoma State.

"I think [the break] has been really good

for us. We have zoned on having some time to work to get better," Patterson said. "It is good heading into the stretch run of February to feel like you have that teaching time and that time where we can run the kids a little bit and still give them off days."

Oklahoma State (14-8, 3-6 Big 12) comes into Manhattan having lost three consecutive games, with their last loss at home to the Baylor Bears in overtime by a score of 64-62.

"We have to come out and play our game," junior guard Kari Kincaid said. "Each game is a new day, so you never know the nature of the game, so we are going to have to figure out our strengths. We won't know that until game time."

The series between the Cowgirls and Wildcats is tied at 26 games each. However, the Wildcats have won five of the last six meetings, including last year's match at Stillwater, Okla., 68-63.

The Wildcats' greatest challenge Sunday afternoon could come in the effort to slow down Cowgirl guard Andrea Riley. With 23.6 points per game, Riley leads the Big 12 in individual scoring. She is averaging a solid four points ahead of her closest competitor, Danielle McCray of Kansas with 19 points per game.

"We don't at all look at our game plan and say that we are going to shut down Riley. You aren't going to do that," Patterson said. "[We are] going to bring awareness to her, play quality team defense limit her easy basket opportunities and hope that you can be successful at that from a team concept – not a one-on-one – because I don't think you can guard her one-on-one."

Tip-off for Sunday's game is set for 1 p.m., and the game will be broadcast on Fox Sports Kansas City. The game can also be heard on the K-State Sports Network, KMAN 1350, in Manhattan.

'PINK ZONE'

T-shirt price: \$10

When: Sunday

Why: The "Pink Zone" initiative helps the Women's Basketball Coaches Association assist in raising breast cancer awareness on the court, across campuses and in communities. The women's basketball team will wear pink jerseys to match fans' shirts for the Oklahoma State game on Sunday.

Where to Buy: Shirts can be purchased at any home game, the K-State Super Store or Cats Closet in Manhattan.

'BLIZZARD IN BRAMLAGE'

T-shirt price: Free with \$10 donation to K-State Proud campaign

When: Saturday

Why: K-State Proud, the university's student philanthropic campaign, is back for its third year with a Blizzard in Bramlage. With a minimum donation of \$10, students will receive a free white 2009 K-State Proud T-shirt to wear to Saturday's men's basketball game against KU.

Where to Buy: Shirts can be purchased at the K-State Student Union Courtyard, K-State Super Store or Cats Closet in Manhattan.

Demand for Chinese major, classes still increasing

By Gloria Funcheon
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

There are more than 1.3 billion people living in China, according to the CIA World Fact Book. Even with the country's one-child policy, its population is quickly increasing. Because of China's growth, Wei Wu, assistant professor and director of Chinese at K-State, said she wants people to know the value of Chinese as a second language.

"Ever since the end of the Cold War," she said, "China has become very important in international relations."

Population is not all that is increasing. China has the fastest-growing economy, according to *economywatch.com*. The country boasts a huge economy, second only to the U.S., according to a Jan. 14 report from the Agence France-Presse.

In 2005, K-State received funding from the

National Department of Education to create a Chinese program, which was part of a nationwide push to increase literacy in the Chinese language.

The Kansas Task Force on Chinese Language Training set two big goals for the state: by 2011, all students from kindergarten through 12th grade should have access to learning Mandarin Chinese, and by 2016, Chinese should be one of the three most-taught languages.

"Fifty K-State students have taken Chinese as a minor," Wu said.

She estimated that more than 300 students in the past three years have been exposed to Chinese culture through classes on geography, politics, history and language.

Matthew Kerl, senior in finance and international business, said he started taking Chinese because he "thought it would be a unique thing to add to a résumé."

Kerl studied international business in Shanghai last summer but said he found himself more focused on learning the language and culture.

Diante Calhoun, junior in speech communication, said he sees the financial value to speaking Chinese.

"You're offered more money for graduate school if you speak Chinese," Calhoun said. "It's in high demand at higher-education institutions."

Wu said not just American students would benefit from a larger Chinese program, but international students would appreciate more courses as well. She said exchange students from China come to K-State in hopes of studying advanced literature or philosophy in Chinese.

Unfortunately, in a world of budget cuts and administrative red tape, it seems unlikely the initiative will be taken to expand the Chinese program.

"It is very unlikely that we will add new programs any time soon," said Stephen White, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

He said he hopes K-State will offer Chinese as a major eventually, when there are not massive budget reductions to deal with.

Despite these setbacks, Ellen Welti, sophomore in history, said she has voiced her concerns. Welti created a petition to make Chinese a major and received more than 200 signatures within a week by asking people in Bosco Plaza or visiting classrooms. Though she recognizes funding might inhibit her goal, she said she sees petitioning as a worthwhile task.

"Even if Chinese isn't made into a major soon, it's still a long-term goal," Welti said. "As students, we should still press our administration."

Brent Pinkall, junior in mass communications, signed Welti's petition.

Pinkall spent six weeks last summer teaching English in China and said he hopes to travel there again soon.

"Chinese is becoming a global language," he said. "Learning the language and culture would help make America much more of a melting pot."

Even if budget cuts prevent more language classes from being offered, there is discussion of offering a Chinese Studies major that would provide a broader overview of the country with classes in history, geography, political science, economics and language.

"Thirty credits are required to make a major," Wu said, and there are already 18 credits of Chinese offered within the modern languages department. Wu confirmed there are more than 12 credits offered in other departments that could work toward the major. She said the issue is less about funding and more about taking initiative.

"Making Chinese Studies a major would require communication with various departments," said Robert Corum, head of the modern languages department. "This isn't just something that we can decide – we have to go through committees and Faculty Senate."

Still, Corum called Welti's petition "admirable."

"We are a student-centered university," he said. "We listen to what the students have to say."

However, Corum said he wondered whether all students who have signed the petition would actually take advantage of an expanded Chinese program.

But regardless of K-State's current policy, one thing is certain; China-related educational material is on the rise.

"Education on China is the future of American education," Wu said. "We can move forward or get left behind."

'Love in Your Attic' campaign implores residents to donate books

By Monica Castro
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Manhattan residents have another option to share their gently used books and help children in the process.

Books for Life, a nonprofit organization, is encouraging people to gather those books to donate at any local Dillons store throughout February.

The theme of the Books for Life campaign is "Love in Your Attic."

David Kimble, executive director of Trees for Life, is working with the group's educational branch, Books for Life, to try to have 100,000 books donated for children in Liberia. Books for Life is working in cities across

Kansas, encouraging residents to share their used children's picture books with children in another country who do not have any.

Kimble said Trees for Life was contacted by the education minister from Liberia, who asked for help to get books for the country's children.

"Twenty-seven children have to share one textbook [in Liberia], so he called to see if we could help out," Kimble said. "Education is a good way for people to empower themselves, and we want to inspire children with the joy of reading."

Books for Life has established 42 libraries in Nicaragua and donated 27,000 books to Pakistan and 6,000 books to

Ethiopia.

Kimble said many companies have helped with the campaign, including Dillons, Clear Channel Outdoor, KAKE-TV, KRBB B98-FM.

Firestone National Rubber Company will provide transportation for the books, and Pratt Industries will donate boxes for packaging.

"All across the state, different schools, churches and clubs are setting forward to sort books and package them," Kimble said.

Kimble said Trees for Life serves people in other countries and tries to help them eradicate poverty and hunger.

Kimble became involved in the organization after visiting

India in 1987.

"What touched me most was that if you would go to a village, they offered you the best they had to offer, and they treated you as if God himself went to your home and village," Kimble said. "I realized there was something missing in my life. People weren't treated like I was treated in India."

When Kimble returned home, he was so moved that he quit his job to become a full-time volunteer for Trees for Life.

"Trees for Life and this campaign are a simple demonstration that when a few people come together – even if it is a small group – miracles can take place," Kimble said.

Locally, Manhattan resident

Sarah Heidebrecht is also working to support this effort. She said the directors of Trees for Life asked her for help to raise awareness for the donation of books to Liberia.

"I always had a big heart for education and worked with children overseas and in the United States for many years," Heidebrecht said. "I can appreciate what magic a book can give to children."

She said she thinks people should donate their used books because she believes many books sit unused on people's bookshelves.

"I hope people will understand that the books donated to the children will be incredibly loved," she said.

Black Student Union opens auditions for local designers' fashion show

By Rachel Baker
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Open auditions for Soiree d'Elegant, a fashion show put on by the Black Student Union's Freshman Action Team, will be from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Friday in the K-State Student Union Little Theatre.

Carmen Ellis, senior in elementary education and BSU president, said the Freshman Action Team is a section of BSU that focuses on getting black freshmen at K-State involved in campus and community activities in the hopes of improving retention rates.

"When you get more involved around campus, you have a higher chance to stay in school," said Angela Muhwezi, F.A.T. co-chair and freshman in biology.

Each year, Ellis said

F.A.T. is required to organize an event that includes both the K-State and Manhattan communities.

"It's a great way for our freshmen to outreach to the community and make a name for themselves," Ellis said.

This year, F.A.T. has planned a fashion show – the first of its kind – which will be open to the general public.

During the show, local designers will have the opportunity to present their clothes.

"The show is going to be a way to display the different fashions of the campus," Ellis said. "It will be a good chance for people to learn what to wear and what not to wear."

Coordinators said the main purpose of BSU and F.A.T. is to bring black students together when plan-

ning large events like the Soiree d'Elegant.


Jasmine Hammond, junior in pre-journalism and F.A.T. coordinator, said BSU is a "tight-knit group" and a "home away from home" for many of its members.

Hammond said an informational session explaining what the show is all about will take place during the first 45 minutes of the auditions.

"Once the informational is over, there will be a set of judges who will see how well everyone walks and presents themselves," Hammond said. "Then, we will take pictures and figure out who gets call-backs."

The actual Soiree d'Elegant fashion show will not take place until later in the spring semester.

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PROJECT PLAYLIST

Single life with sound

Valentine's Day got you down?
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1. Reel Big Fish — "Skatonic"

This six-pack ska band delivers a psychotic restraining-order, inducing its "I'm gonna make you love me" chorus with hilarity.

2. Paul Thorn — "Ain't Love Strange"

Clearly inspired by funk superstars like George Clinton, I heard this layered funk-rock hybrid one warm night on a pirate radio station in California, after a succubus she-devil pounded my very soul into the ground. Fortunately, life's redemption can be found in this rockin' tale.

3. Dntel — "Suddenly Is Sooner than You Think"

With one of the most simultaneously haunting, minimalist and beautiful electronica albums to surface in recent years, this tune by Dntel — who is the sequencer for the Postal Service — contains emotion that is sure to leave you sobbing into your pillow.

5. Quasi — "Our Happiness Is Guaranteed"

Former husband and wife Janet Weiss and Sam Coomes have made a career of writing jaded anti-love songs. A Quasi show is an amazing experience. Sam is usually in pajamas, his hair is disheveled, and he is usually whining about something. It just might remind you of someone you used to date.

6. Sophie Barker — "Leaving on a Jet Plane"

This cover version of a John Denver original was used in a British Airways commercial, despite Denver's death in a plane crash. At least your ex wasn't that insensitive.

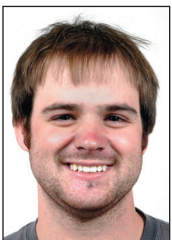
4. Sleater-Kinney — "Let's Call It Love"

Don't be misled by the title. This seminal "riot-grrl" band that hails from Portland, Ore., rocked this "amps-to-11" nearly 10-minute anthem after one improvisational take. It will melt you like the warmth of that hug you can't get anymore.

—Compiled by Shane Bishop

LIFE AS AN AWKWARD GRAD STUDENT

Student loves Portland trip



ADAM REICHENBERGER

Enter Portland, Ore. I was supposed to be there 10 hours earlier.

The best way to describe Portland is to relate it to The Most Amazing Girl: the more you learn about her, the more you like her, and yet, you almost hate that you ever found her because next to her, the rest of your life just looks a little dimmer.

Portland rocks. It was incredible.

Carrie, my friend who picked me up from the airport, lived in this amazing apartment that was converted from a small hotel. It was beautiful, and she lived down the hall from the girl from Ipanema and above a gypsy. Across the street was a mom-and-pop antique store. Perfect.

Our Thursday plans to go snowboarding were scrapped. That was probably for the best, I suppose. My feet are the most important part in my agility, so strapping them to a board and then pushing me down a hill just sounds like a horrible idea. My body hates me enough as it is. But I would have done it.

We woke early Friday to have breakfast at a quaint place with action figures hanging from the ceiling that rise and drop as the door opens. I tried convincing little Carrie to step up to the "Mancake Challenge." She refused. I had a waffle. From there, we went to the most ridiculous book store I've ever seen.

Carrie asked her boyfriend where she should take me while I was there.

"Just go to a bookstore. He'll be entertained for days," he said. He knows me well, but this store was absurd. It stretched for a full city block and was at least three stories tall. I bought five or six Hemingway books, a couple Fitzgeralds and a postcard.

Our hands full of books, we wandered down the sunny street to an art gallery. We laid on the floor there. I don't know why.

We went down to the riverfront and chased birds for a while before posing as statues on giant rocks for strangers and then walking back toward her apartment. We met her friend Mimi on the 30th floor of a big pink building for drinks. Full walls of windows allowed us to sit comfortably on their couches, drink to our heart's content and look out over the entire city.

After a few drinks and a few more laughs, we headed to a Cajun place to eat. It was delicious, of course, but the place was so packed everyone had to share tables with everyone else. This wouldn't normally be a problem except the two girls sitting beside me couldn't have been more annoying. Imagine stereotypical, drama-loving girls who have been old enough to drink for a month and think it's the most amazing thing in the world and of course every guy wants them, but can't have them. Now you've found my only complaint with the trip. The only bad thing about Portland is those two girls.

But like I said, my body hates me and as we were preparing to attend the basketball game of Lewis and Clark vs. the Puget Sound, the Crohn's showed up with a pen and a poke. And that was that. Would have been a sweet game, too — \$4 at the door to get in. Top two teams in the Northwest Conference. I bet it would have been crazy good.

Oh, sweet, sweet Portland — I loved it, and I'd do anything to get back there. Crazy to think it all started by clicking on the wrong Portland on the airline's drop-down menu.

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Rural sociology class challenges assumptions

By Tyler Sharp
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Throughout the years, rural locations across the U.S. have undergone significant changes. As more and more alterations to the landscape of rural society loom on the horizon, one class at K-State examines all these transformations.

Rural Sociology examines these locations while dispelling some assumptions in the process.

On the first day of the class, Theresa Selfa, assistant professor of sociology, anthropology and social work, gave students the task of identifying whether their hometowns were rural, suburban or urban. Students then listed five words that came to mind when they thought of rural locations. Selfa said for students from rural, urban and suburban locations, three or four out of the five words were the same for each group.

“They were things like ‘farm’ and ‘country,’ she

said. “I think we have this perception where the first thing they think of rural is farm or cows. Part of that’s true. Certainly in a lot of Midwestern rural places, farming is one of the dominant industries.

“But there are a lot of other things going on in rural places. Rural places have actually changed a lot in the last 20 years. A lot of rural places in the Midwest have gotten a lot more ethnically diverse than they have ever been before because of meatpacking and some of those kinds of jobs.”

Tanner McGee, senior in sociology, said he believes the course will help him alter his perceptions beyond conventional assumptions about rural areas.

“I think learning about rural societies will help me not judge people by where they are from,” he said. “Most people have a perspective of rural areas as boring, but I think in this course we will learn that

there is much more to rural societies than just farming.”

Selfa has revamped the class twice to demonstrate these ongoing changes. Students must complete five papers throughout the semester gauging their perceptions of rurality.

The class also incorporates guest lecturers during its Friday discussion section. Selfa said a demographer from the department of sociology, anthropology and social work; a local farmer; and a person from a non-governmental organization would be among the guest lecturers.

In a class relatively balanced between rural and non-rural students, non-rural students, such as Jeff Murdock, junior in sociology, said he is looking forward to learning more about rural areas.

“I’d say I’m looking forward to learning more about rural areas and getting better insight on them, since I’m used to non-rural settings,” he said.

READING | Fiction, short stories retain appeal

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Darrin Doyle, a visiting assistant professor with the English department, cited a steady increase in the number of master of fine arts programs as one of the possible reasons for increased readership. More students are graduating from the programs and teaching composition classes, providing their students with reading assignments.

Also, many Harry Potter readers are now young adults and college students who might be contributing to the overall increase in American readership.

“Perhaps that series has had a lasting effect on their reading habits,” Doyle said.

Doyle said that a shift in the types of fiction available could also partially account for the increase in literary reading.

“We have gone beyond strict realism in the short story area,” Doyle said. “A lot of

people are writing more interesting things and cross-genre things.

“Thus, Harry Potter and Twilight can serve as ‘a gateway drug’ to seek out more challenging and more difficult material,” he said.

Additionally, he said the Oprah book club, started in the mid ‘90s, might have contributed to an expanded enthusiasm about reading.

“[Oprah] has done classic literature that certainly encouraged people to start reading and seeking out more,” Doyle said.

According to the NEA study, fiction novels and short stories have seen the most notable increase in readers.

Withee said bestsellers and new popular books remain most popular at the library. Another popular category is graphic novels.

“The library has seen a very large increase in the readership of those,” Withee said. “Graphic novels are a

very popular new trend within the last ten years.

“In the library world, we feel that any reading is good.”

Doyle said he and other literary experts do not discriminate against any type of fiction.

“Since the beginning, we have understood our world through storytelling, from the Bible all the way up to ‘Twilight,’” Doyle said. “I hope returning to fiction is getting back to those roots of self-discovery and communication through our imagination.”

All literature, he said, really represents different ways of pondering the big question of life.

“Living in imagination is a way to experience life through another person’s perspective and this creates empathy,” he said. “Empathy creates responsibility and critical thinking, all the foundational traits required to be a successful society.”

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Columnist confused by U.S. rights, fails to address other issues

Editor,

This letter is in reply to Elizaveta Zheganina’s editorial on Feb. 4, “Frivolous super bowl expenses better spent elsewhere.”

In her column, she makes many invidious comparisons between the cost of Super Bowl advertisements and CEO salaries with the plight of Third World peoples. It is telling that Zheganina does not provide any data on the excesses of Russian billionaire kleptocrats or Arab oil oligarchs.

However, the main problem with Zheganina’s article is her moral confusion. The reasons Americans have such prosperity to spend on leisure activities are because of their freedom and ability to create wealth. The source of American freedom is the individual’s right to pursue his or her self-interest and enjoy the fruits thereof.

An aspect of this freedom is the right to acquire property and dis-

pose of it as the owner sees fit. Americans work hard and have every right to spend their disposable wealth on football games, regardless of how much advocates of a global welfare state disapprove.

Economists have long recognized the connection between a nation’s political and cultural institutions and its level of economic development. One implication of the editorial is that wealth is a collectively owned resource. Scolds who argue “for a change in global spending priorities” should look to the disincentives created by poor countries that retard economic development. Instead of figuring out ways to deprive Americans of the fruits of their labor, they should examine the requirements of wealth creation.

Grant Jones
DOCTORAL STUDENT
IN AMERICAN HISTORY

Lawyers question whether sheriff is too aggressive in Phelps case

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Even if a South Carolina sheriff is successful in building a marijuana case against swimming superstar Michael Phelps, it might be hard to make the charges stick, defense attorneys said.

The case took a turn Thursday when lawyers for two people said their clients were among eight arrested last week and questioned at length about the November party near the University of South Carolina where Phelps was photographed smoking from a marijuana pipe. At the time, the men were renters at the house.

The effort to prosecute Phelps on what would be at most a minor drug charge seems extreme compared to similar cases, lawyers said, and have led some to question whether the sheriff is being overzealous because he’s dealing with a celebrity.

After the photo of Phelps was published Feb. 1, Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said his office would investigate and possibly charge Phelps, though officials have not specified what the offense might be.

Since then, authorities have released little information, and the sheriff’s department refused to talk again Thursday.

Lawyers for the two men said they were questioned almost exclusively about Phelps and charged with misdemeanor marijuana possession.

Authorities have not contacted the swimmer, who issued an apology for his behavior earlier this month, one of his agents said.

“Michael has not been contacted and we are not going to speculate,” said agent Drew Johnson.

Defense attorney Dick Harpootlian and fellow defense attorney Joseph McCulloch said deputies searched at least two houses.

The men told their lawyers the raids went down like a major drug bust, and 12 deputies burst into the home with guns drawn, pulling small amounts of marijuana from those arrested. Several computers and storage devices were also seized, Harpootlian said.

The lawyers did not release the names of their clients, but Harpootlian said that his client did not even see Phelps smoke marijuana at the party. McCulloch said his client was out of town, and only lived at the home when the party happened. Both men have since moved.

“After they arrested him, they didn’t ask him where did you get the marijuana or who sold it to you. Almost all the questions they asked him were about Michael Phelps,” Harpootlian said. “It was like they were busting the biggest heroin distributor in the country.”

The investigators appear to be trying to build a case against Phelps from others — a tactic normally used to bring down drug dealers with a large amounts of cocaine or methamphetamine, not someone who smoked marijuana five months ago, said Chip Price, a Greenville attorney who has dealt with drug cases for 33 years.

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Cycling team gears up for spring season

By Grant Guggisberg
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Imagine a quiet ride through the beautiful Kansas countryside, taking in the breathtaking, diverse scenery at a slow, steady pace. Each adventure you take makes you want to travel farther and your love of this activity grows more with each trip. But instead of cruising in a car, you spend your time on two wheels - on a bicycle.

"My longest ride was from Salina to Manhattan, a trip of more than 70 miles," said Scott Smerchek, junior in computer science. "I enjoy the scenery more than anything."

For Smerchek, riding long distances on a bike is nothing out of the ordinary. As a member of the K-State cycling club team, he rides his bike every day.

"Each member of the team has their own individual training plan," he said. "A group of us go to [Peters Recreation Complex] twice a week right now and with warmer weather coming, we will be out riding quite a bit more."

Smerchek said he first got interested in cycling as a way to be active.

"I wanted to do triathlons as a way to challenge myself," he said. "I took up cycling as a third of that training and decided later to drop the swimming and running."

Once he decided to focus on cycling, he became an active member in the club at K-State, participating in several races in his first year with the team. Now in his second year, Smerchek is building on the fundamentals he learned last season.

"He has improved most with his fitness," said Tanner Marshall, senior in mechanical engineering and member of the cycling team. "He's also broadened his horizons

by trying mountain biking and improved his technique."

Smerchek said though their club has drawn as many as 30 members, many of them are not interested in racing competitively.

"We welcome anyone who has an interest in cycling, whether you like mountain biking, road biking or just want to learn more about the sport," Smerchek said.

The cycling team competes in the North Central Collegiate Cycling Conference, which includes rivals Nebraska and Kansas.

"Our first race is against KU and is an invitational for the entire conference," Marshall said. "Road season starts at the end of March."

K-State will host a race the first weekend in April, which will feature multiple races.

"There will be a race up at Tuttle on Saturday, followed by a criterium in Aggieville on Sunday," said Zach Dubas, senior in mechanical engineering and member of the cycling team. "A criterium is basically just a shorter race that emphasizes speed, acceleration and turning more than endurance."

He said the criterium is the most fan-friendly race, with each cyclist lapping the course as many as 30 times.

As a junior, Smerchek will have one more season after this one with the cycling team to improve his skills.

"In the future, I will continue to ride, but in a less competitive environment," he said. "Cycling is something I enjoy and helps to keep me active and healthy, so I won't give it up."

He said anyone interested in the club should come to one of the weekly meetings Wednesdays in Union 206 or check out their Web site at www.ksu.edu/cycling-club.

'Potter' class still attracting students

By Monica Castro
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

There is more to reading Harry Potter books than meets the eye.

In English 440, Harry Potter's Library, students can discover the influences of one of the most popular book series of all time.

In the course, many long-time fans as well as Harry Potter newcomers discuss the book and the influences of the series' author, J.K. Rowling.

Phillip Nel, professor of English, said he started the class in 2002 because the books were so popular. Because it is so popular among students, the class is very difficult to get into.

"If we could offer more sections, we would," Nel said. "We would love to offer more, but we don't have enough people [to teach]."

For students to be eligible to take the class, they must have completed Expository Writing I or II.

Students who are able to take the class are also required to read the first two Harry Potter books before the first class. He said when he first started teaching the class, there were a few students who had read the first book or had seen the movie, while three or four students had read the entire series.

Nel said now he finds almost all the students enrolled have read the whole series.

He said one reason he chose to start teaching Harry Potter literature at K-State was because it reminded him why reading was fun and that there is more than meets the eye in the books.

Harry Potter's Library is divided into three parts – the influences of J.K. Rowling, the Harry Potter series and contemporary British fantasy.

Nel said in addition to exploring Harry Potter books, he

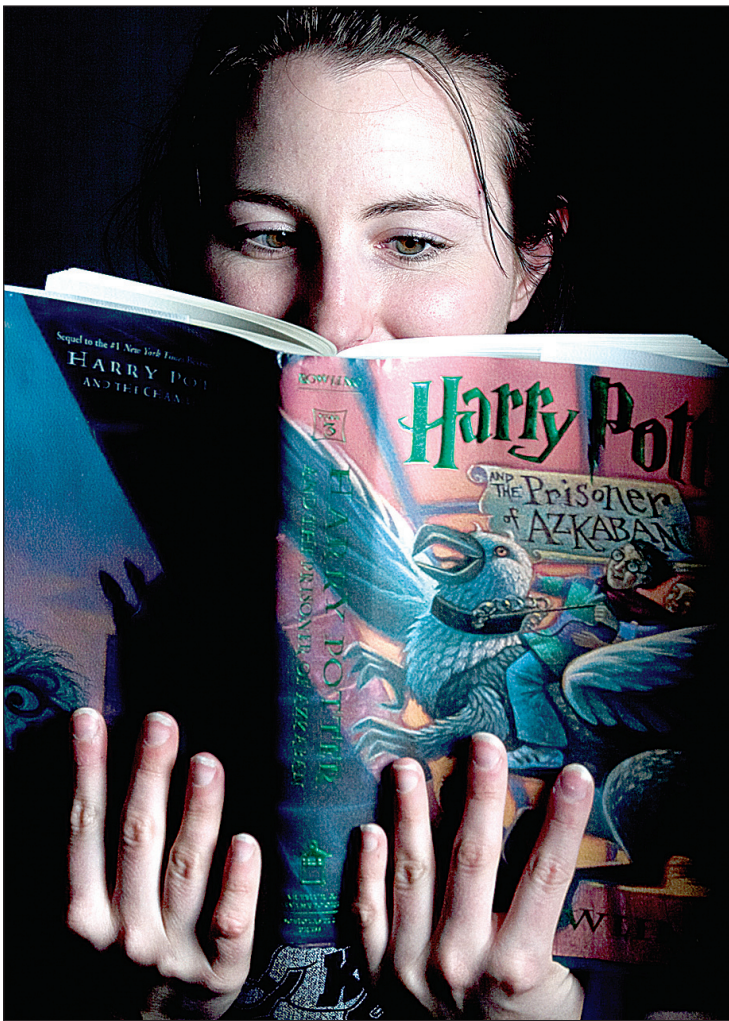


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enjoys how students first take a look at Rowling's influences.

"This enables students to find where Rowling found themes or motifs," he said. Students also read other novels in the course such as "The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe," by C.S. Lewis and "James and the Giant Peach," by Roald Dahl.

"What you learn from these [books] is where Rowling gets her ideas from – the roots to her work," Nel said.

In addition to learning about Rowling's influences, Nel said the class looks at subjects

like criticisms about the Harry Potter books, religious objections to them and strong anti-bigotry themes in the books.

"I hope [this class] teaches students that children's literature is fun to take seriously," Nel said. "It's fun to read, but it's also fun to think about."

Karin Westman, English department head, also facilitates the "Harry Potter" class and has been teaching it for three years.

Westman said the class syllabus has stayed consistent over

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SGA | Senators give opinions about Collegian, SPUB budget

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Huschka went on to discuss his conversations with his constituents in the College of Engineering, who all had positive remarks about the Collegian and Student Publications.

Faculty adviser Bill Muir said this is a central issue of a representative democracy.

Justin McClarty, senior in accounting, presented his take on the issue.

“Let me be frank,” he said. “Let me say what everyone is thinking about the Collegian’s budget: So what? Most students don’t even read the articles. They pick it up to play the crossword, read the Fourum and look at the headlines.”

Later in his speech, McClarty questioned travel expenses.

“What do they need to travel to besides away basketball and football games?” McClarty asked his fellow senators.

He will have ample time to elaborate on these concerns, as the Student Publications Inc. budget will return to the privilege fee committee.

In other legislation, a policy resolution to eliminate the majors-only regulation, which restricts students from taking certain courses outside of their major, was referred back to committee for further discussion.

Senators unanimously passed allocations for Collegiate 4-H Club and Tau Beta Sigma.

Peele also informed senators of a welcome packet to be sent to future president Kirk Schulz.

POTTER | Class discusses serious side of children’s literature

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the years except for the additional Harry Potter books that were recently published.

She said she wanted to teach the course because part of her research included work on Rowling and the influences of her books. She said she takes the ideas and questions she had about the books and poses those questions to students.

“I enjoy the wide range of students,” Westman said. “I have students from all the colleges across the university.

“We have a wide range of perspectives and ideas that make the class fun to teach.”

Westman said she thinks students remain interested in the class because they are interested in the series.

In the course, she said students talk about something they read and listen to why others have enjoyed it.

“The continued release of the films have maintained the interest in the class,” Westman said.

Westman said her goal is to help students improve their reading and writing skills. She also said she wants the class to learn about the role of Harry Potter in U.S. culture as a children’s book and as literature.

“It is one of the most popular classes offered in

the English department and we are excited to know that students want to talk about literature and English,” Westman said.

The English department plans on having another “Hallows and Horcruxes Ball, A Wizard Rock Concert for Literacy.” This ball is a rock concert featuring several bands that sing about Harry Potter. The concert will be from 7 p.m. to midnight March 7 in the K-State Student Union Ballroom.

Erinn Bock, senior in English literature and wildlife and fisheries biology, said she is excited for the next Wizard Rock concert and really enjoys the course because she loves Harry Potter.

Bock said she thinks the class is interesting because she likes talking about Harry Potter in an academic setting and also getting opinions from other English majors.

She also said she believes learning about the different motifs and themes by reading Rowling’s influences is a good approach.

“[Westman] is a wonderful teacher who brings lots of interesting resources and biographical stuff on the series,” Bock said.

“She asks questions that I never would have thought to consider, and she gets the class to think about things I would never think otherwise.”

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Cats seek historic win; North, South women’s teams battle

BIG 12 MEN'S BREAKDOWN			BIG 12 WOMEN'S BREAKDOWN		
<p>K-State continues to be the hottest team in the Big 12. With their win Wednesday night against Texas Tech, the Wildcats have won six consecutive games. They have instate rival KU coming to Bramlage Coliseum and will look to win back-to-back games at home against the Jayhawks for the first time in 20 years.</p>			<p>Look for an interesting weekend in the Big 12. It will be an interdivision showdown as the North and South battle it out. The most intriguing matchup could be in Ames, Iowa, as No. 13 Texas takes on No. 16 Iowa State. Six total teams are ranked in the Top 25.</p>		
<p>BAYLOR (15-9, 3-7 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: NR Up next: at Texas A&M Prediction: The Bears have struggled lately losing six in a row. Ironically, they haven't won a game since they beat K-State in Bramlage Coliseum. Look for the Bears to get back on track against the Aggies at home. Score: Baylor 78-70</p>			<p>BAYLOR (19-3, 7-2 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: 7 Up next: vs. Missouri Prediction: The No. 7 Bears will take care of their home floor against an inferior Missouri Tigers team. An upset is not expected in Waco, Texas. The Bears have won three in a row, including their latest over K-State. Score: Baylor 65-50</p>		
<p>COLORADO (9-14, 1-8 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: NR Up next: vs. Texas Prediction: No team is more schizophrenic than the Buffaloes. They have kept games close against the top teams in the conference like OU and KU, but then have a loss to Iowa State. Score: Texas 60-44</p>			<p>COLORADO (10-11, 2-7 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: NR Up next: at Texas A&M Prediction: Colorado will travel to Aggie territory to take on their toughest road contest of the year. Colorado will be over-matched as they have only one Big 12 road victory this season and have lost two consecutive games. Score: Texas A&M 68-50</p>		
<p>IOWA STATE (13-11, 2-7 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: NR Up next: at Oklahoma State Prediction: The Cyclones, are 2-7 this season, but the Cowboys do not play defense. So if Brackins can go for a big game they might sneak out of Stillwater, Okla. with a win, but don't count on it. Score: Oklahoma State 74-55</p>			<p>IOWA STATE (18-5, 6-3 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: 16 Up next: vs. Texas Prediction: Following their loss to K-State just under a month ago, the Cyclones have caught fire winning five consecutive Big 12 games. Look for an upset as Iowa State is undefeated at home. Score: Iowa State 58-55</p>		
<p>KANSAS (19-5, 8-1 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: 16 Up next: at K-State Prediction: The Jayhawks are coming off their first conference loss to Missouri. They will be playing with a chip on their shoulders since they lost to K-State in Bramlage Coliseum last year but will lose a close one. Score: K-State 73-69</p>			<p>KANSAS (13-9, 2-7 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: NR Up next: vs. Oklahoma Prediction: The Jayhawks will be overmatched on paper and don't expect the result on the court to be any different. Kansas has lost five of their last six games. Score: Oklahoma 65-50</p>		
<p>K-STATE (17-7, 6-4 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: receiving votes Up next: vs. KU Prediction: K-State is looking for revenge from the 87-71 defeat to the Jayhawks on Jan. 13. The Wildcats are the hottest team in the league and should continue to play well against KU. Score: K-State 73-69</p>			<p>K-STATE (19-3, 6-3 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: 20 Up next: vs. Oklahoma State Prediction: K-State has been dominant on their home court this year with a record of 10-0 and 4-0 in conference play at home. This will prove to be the toughest test of the year for the Wildcats. Score: K-State 55-48</p>		
<p>MISSOURI (21-4, 8-2 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: 19 Up next: vs. Nebraska Prediction: Both teams are on decent winning streaks, but look for Missouri to stay undefeated at home. The Tigers have the highest scoring offense in the Big 12 Conference. Score: Missouri 75-64</p>			<p>MISSOURI (11-11, 2-7 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: NR Up next: at Baylor Prediction: The Lady Tigers will have a tough challenge in Waco, Texas. The Bears are coming off a home victory over the then-ranked No. 18 Wildcats, and the Tigers are struggling on the road this year. Don't expect an upset. Score: Baylor 65-50</p>		
<p>NEBRASKA (15-7, 5-4 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: NR Up next: at Missouri Prediction: Both teams are on decent winning streaks; Nebraska won three in a row and Missouri has won four in a row, including Monday's win over No. 16 KU. Look for MU to stay undefeated at home. Score: Missouri 75-64</p>			<p>NEBRASKA (10-12, 1-8 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: NR Up next: vs. Texas Tech Prediction: Nebraska is suffering a major midseason drought, losing nine of their last 10 games. While they are on their home court, Texas Tech will win a close match against the Cornhuskers. Score: Texas Tech 55-50</p>		
<p>OKLAHOMA (24-1, 10-0 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: 2 Up next: vs. Texas Tech Prediction: Oklahoma is undefeated at home with a 14-0 record and the Sooners have the leading scorer in Blake Griffin who is averaging 22.1 points per game and is almost unstoppable. Score: Oklahoma 84-52</p>			<p>OKLAHOMA (21-2, 9-0 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: 2 Up next: at KU Prediction: The Sooners will travel to Lawrence and pick up their Big 12 leading ninth conference victory. Their physical post play led by Courtney Paris will prove to be too much for Kansas. Score: Oklahoma 65-50</p>		
<p>OKLAHOMA STATE (14-9, 3-6 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: NR Up next: vs. Iowa State Prediction: The Cowboys have lost two games in a row but should get back on track against the Cyclones on Saturday, since they have struggled on the road this season. Score: Oklahoma State 74-55</p>			<p>OKLAHOMA STATE (14-8, 3-6 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: receiving votes Up next: at K-State Prediction: Oklahoma State will face a tough environment in Manhattan. Coming off of two consecutive losses the Cowgirls will find it difficult to score on the Wildcat defense. Score: K-State 55-48</p>		
<p>TEXAS (16-7, 5-4 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: NR Up next: at Colorado Prediction: The Longhorns should handle the Buffaloes quite easily with their physicality and rebounding. Also Colorado has the worst record in the Big 12 and have not won on the road all season. Score: Texas 60-44</p>			<p>TEXAS (17-5, 5-3 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: 13 Up next: at Iowa State Prediction: The Longhorns will face a tough challenge within the confines of the Hilton Coliseum. Look for a close battle down to the final minutes, however Iowa State will have a slight advantage. Score: Iowa State 58-55</p>		
<p>TEXAS A&M (17-7, 3-6 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: NR Up next: at Baylor Prediction: The Aggies have lost two in a row, including their latest loss to K-State. Baylor's outside shooting should be too much for Texas A&M to handle, but it could be a close game. Score: Baylor 78-70</p>			<p>TEXAS A&M (18-5, 6-4 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: 12 Up next: vs. Colorado Prediction: The only loss for the Aggies at home this season has come at the hands of No. 7 Baylor Bears. Don't expect the Aggies to let up this weekend against a severely inferior team in Colorado. Score: Texas A&M 68-50</p>		
<p>TEXAS TECH (12-12, 2-7 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: NR Up next: at Oklahoma Prediction: Oklahoma's Blake Griffin has proven to be too much for anyone so far in the Big 12 Conference. Look for a big night from him against the Red Raiders. Score: Oklahoma 84-52</p>			<p>TEXAS TECH (14-9, 4-5 BIG 12)</p> <p>AP rank: NR Up next: at Nebraska Prediction: Texas Tech will pick up their third conference road win in Lincoln, Neb., as they face a struggling Nebraska team. While road wins are hard to come by, Texas Tech has proven they can win against inferior teams. Score: Texas Tech 55-50</p>		
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Blizzard warning: Wildcats ready to take on instate rival Jayhawks

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Darren Kent said it was a blur. He and his teammates didn't have time to know what had hit them.

It was just four weeks ago in Lawrence that KU had blitzed K-State with an 18-0 run to start the game, and the Wildcats never recovered, falling 87-71.

"We didn't get into the flow of our offense, and they ended up going up big on us," K-State guard Jacob Pullen said. "We just fought to get back in the game, and we just basically used all of our energy to get back into the game, and we didn't have enough to finish."

But that was a different time, place and K-State team.

The Wildcats' current six-game winning streak matches the longest streak they've had in conference play since the inception of the Big 12 Conference in 1996.

The swagger is back, and revenge is certainly on K-State's mind.

K-State will have an opportunity to redeem its previous performance against KU on Saturday as the Wildcats tangle with the Jayhawks at 2:30 p.m. at Bramlage Coliseum.

"The one thing I did say in the locker room about Kansas is I don't mind get-

ting beat, when I know I've got another opportunity to play who beat me, and that's what we have on Saturday," K-State coach Frank Martin said following the Wildcats' 85-73 dismantling of Texas Tech on Wednesday. "We've got a chance to make up for a team that beat us earlier this year."

The departures of Michael Beasley and Bill Walker have actually motivated this year's team more than ever.

"I think it would prove a lot for us as a team," Pullen said in regard to winning without Beasley and Walker. "From the start of the season to now, everyone still says without Mike they don't do this, and without Bill they don't do this."

"I think for us to win that game Saturday, if we could do that, it would just prove how hard everyone in that locker room has worked since we lost to Wisconsin, and how hard we worked to improve our own game and to improve as a team."

Defense has keyed the successful run for K-State. During the last five victories, they are holding opponents to a 38.7-percent field-goal percentage while forcing opponents into nearly 16 turnovers per game during that stretch.

Martin said people are interested in the rivalry once again since K-State beat the

Jayhawks last year in Bramlage.

"They are the next team on the schedule," Martin said. "We have to understand that, yes, they are our rival. But last year has nothing to do with this year. The last game has nothing to do with this game. It's the next game on the schedule."

"Our kids have fought to earn the right to be back in the conversation for March. We need to understand that we can't change who we are because of our opponent. We need to understand how we need to do it. Now is it exciting? Absolutely. Do you look forward to playing a Bill Self-coached team? Not me, because I know they're good. But you like the challenge."

Both teams might not have the star power of last year's matchup. The two teams lost a combined seven players to the NBA draft this offseason.

The Jayhawks are led by Preseason First Team selection Sherron Collins, who enters Saturday's game averaging nearly 17 points per game and 4.6 assists. Also joining Collins is 6-foot-11 center Cole Aldrich, who averages a double-double with nearly 13 points and 11 rebounds per game.

Needless to say, the Wildcats expect a battle.

"This is what we've been waiting for," Pullen said, "and

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Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

Students storm the court after last year's victory over the Kansas Jayhawks. The victory marked the first time K-State was able to beat KU in 24 years in Manhattan. Coming into Saturday's game, KU is coming off their first conference loss of the season, while the Wildcats have won six consecutive games.

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Baylor	8	2	20 3	Kansas	8	1	19 5
K-State	6	3	19 3	Missouri	8	2	21 4
Iowa State	6	3	18 5	K-State	6	4	17 7
Texas	6	3	18 5	Texas	5	4	16 7
Texas A&M	6	4	18 5	Nebraska	5	4	15 7
Texas Tech	4	5	14 9	Texas A&M	3	6	17 7
Oklahoma State	3	6	14 8	Oklahoma State	3	6	14 9
Kansas	2	7	13 9	Baylor	3	7	15 9
Missouri	2	7	11 11	Iowa State	2	7	13 11
Colorado	2	7	10 11	Texas Tech	2	7	12 12
Nebraska	1	8	10 12	Colorado	1	8	9 14

KU | Cats seek win

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it's here.”

Darren Kent, the lone senior on the Wildcat roster, will line up against KU for what could be the final time in his career.

“They’re going to have a little chip on their shoulder coming off their first loss and having to go to another rival’s arena,” said Kent, who averages 9.2 points per game and leads the Wildcats in rebounding.

“They know it’s going to be loud. We just need to match their energy. We know our crowd is going to be great, so we have that to lean on a little bit and just get ready for a battle – because it’s going to be a war out there.”

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